

## “Will The Real Tom Merrick Stand Up?”

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### Opening Narration

Tom Merrick, age fifty, chief cook and bottlewasher in a greasy spoon outside of Des Moines, Iowa. The resident “chef de partie” will make you runny eggs, half-cooked chicken or whatever indigestible treats you desire. Deep inside, he abhors cooking all day for a complaining crowd and dreams up another Tom Merrick, self-sufficient and without a need to pick-up a spatula. In a moment, that dream will become reality, as one Tom will conjure up another. A flesh and blood manifestation to counter what life had dealt him. This diner happens to lie at the corner of "what is" and "what could be" in the Twilight Zone.

### Closing Narration

A BBC article suggests that “a very large number of different human and non-human individuals are struggling inside for control”. But which Tom had more control? Both of them may never know the answer because they are forever linked in the Twilight Zone.